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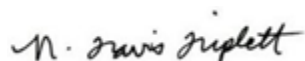
To whom it may concern:

I hereby express my support of Nicholas Ali's doctoral thesis content, specifically the journal paper, *"Body kinematics and kinetics during single-leg landing from various vertical heights and horizontal distances: Implications for non-contact ACL injury prevention"* published in The Knee. I had the opportunity to review this paper, as well as the other papers which comprise his thesis research in the domain of ACL injury biomechanics. I would like to express my high regard for the research this student has undertaken to date. I am convinced this research is not only beneficial, but also a contribution to science.

In addition to my examination of Mr. Ali's published works (5), I asked two colleagues who are also published in the area of Biomechanics. These individuals, Dr. Jeff McBride from Appalachian State University, and Dr. Sophia Nimphius from Edith Cowan University (Australia) are both familiar with the PhD by research educational model. Dr. McBride received his PhD training at Southern Cross University (Australia) and did post-doctoral work with Professor Paavo Komi at the University of Jyväskylä (Finland). Dr. Nimphius completed her PhD at Edith Cowan University. Both individuals felt that the journals in which Mr. Ali has published are well-respected in the field and it was clear that Mr. Ali knows his area of research. These professors felt that Mr. Ali has clearly completed enough research to warrant a thesis defense.

Mr. Ali's published work validates not only the originality of his work, but also substantiates his ability to create and disseminate knowledge. I ardently endorse Mr. Ali's research work within the field of ACL injury biomechanics, and commend him for his work to date. His publications to date are a clear indication of his strength as a researcher.

Most Sincerely,



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